

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 25-26, 2005

Reference No.: 2.1a.(27)
Action Item

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Ref: **STIP AMENDMENT 04S-052**

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment. This amendment was noticed and discussed at the April 2005 Commission meeting, and no further action is required. This Action Item is proposed for the consent calendar at the May 2005 Commission meeting.

SCRRA requests the Commission approve this amendment for AB 3090 Replacement. SCRRA will use Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA's) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and local funds to replace a total of \$5,000,000 in Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds, including \$350,000 for Design (PS&E) in FY 2006-07 and \$4,650,000 for Construction (CON) in FY 2007-08, for the Los Angeles Storage Facilities and Track project (PPNO 2023). SCRRA proposes to program a total of \$5,000,000 in IIP funds in FY 2008-09 for a replacement project to be determined at a later date. The Orange County Transportation Authority concurs with this request.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the AB 3090 request be approved pending SCRRA's agreement that both the date and schedule of replacement are subject to the availability of funds.

BACKGROUND

The Commission's policy on AB 3090 encourages local agencies to use local funds to advance projects programmed in the STIP. OCTA proposes to accelerate delivery of the construction phase of a local rail car storage facility using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and local funds and to program a replacement IIP eligible project in the STIP, in accordance with the Commission's policy that gives preference to programming AB 3090 Replacement projects over AB 3090 direct reimbursement arrangements. The specific AB 3090 Replacement project will be amended into the STIP at a later date.

This project includes constructing storage tracks adjacent to Metrolink's Orange County Line (and the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Corridor) at Keller Street near Los Angeles Union Station. SCRRA currently has 38 locomotives and 143 rail cars. This facility will be used to store trains that have been serviced at outlying points and do not need to go to the Center Maintenance Facility (CMF) or for trains that received maintenance during the day. The facility will also reduce movements of trains that are not in service to SCRRA's CMF, thereby creating capacity for Metrolink and Amtrak in the congested area of the Mission to Dayton segment. The overall project will include final design, site clearance, grading track construction, fence construction, security and workplace lighting, and utility connections for head-end power and fire hydrants. It will also include a small office for communications and security purposes.

As the fleet increases, the CMF is coming close to capacity for storage in the midday. A new Los Angeles storage facility would allow accommodating the ongoing growth of the system. Metrolink currently carries 38,500 daily weekday passengers on 142 trains. In a recent survey, sixty-five percent of Metrolink riders previously drove alone in autos. Therefore, due to the added service, this project will provide congestion relief in several heavily traveled corridors.

The property is owned by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and planned for this purpose. The Los Angeles Storage Facilities and Track project will be constructed on active and recently active railroad right of way and should be exempt from environmental clearance. The necessary track work will improve rail passenger service and be constructed within an existing railroad right of way.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Revises:

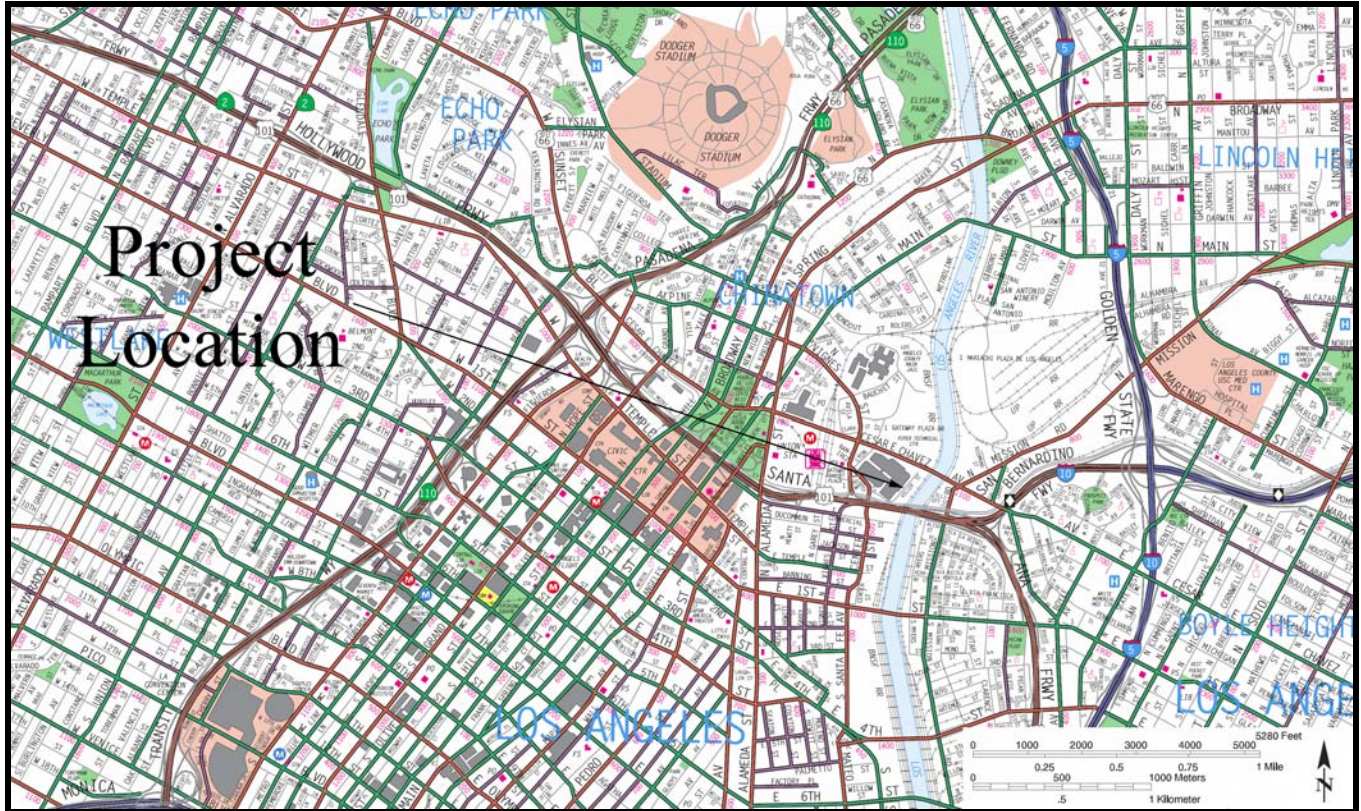
County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Los Angeles	75	2023	—	RAIL	2007-08	0.0	0.6	Pacific Surfliner					
Implementing Agency: (by component)		PA&ED	SCRRRA				PS&E	SCRRRA					
		R/W					CON	SCRRRA					
RTPA/CTC:		Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Commission											
Project Title:		Los Angeles Storage Facilities & Track											
Location		Pacific Surfliner Corridor, from LA Union Station to near Control Point San Diego Junction											
Description:		Complete site studies, design, and construct new commuter train facilities and track.											
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
Interregional Improvement Program (IIP)													
Existing	5,000				350	4,650			4,650		350		
Change	(5,000)				(350)	(4,650)			(4,650)		(350)		
Proposed	0				0	0			0		0		
OCTA CMAQ/Local													
Existing	0			0					0		0		
Change	5,000			5,000					4,650		350		
Proposed	5,000			5,000					4,650		350		
Total													
Existing	5,000			0	350	4,650			4,650		350		
Change	0			5,000	(350)	(4,650)			0		0		
Proposed	5,000			5,000	0	0			4,650		350		

And Adds:

County	District	PPNO	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor					
Los Angeles	75	2023A	--	LA	2008-09	--	--	--					
Implementing Agency: (by component)	PA&ED				PS&E								
	R/W				CON								
RTPA/CTC:	Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Commission												
Project Title:	AB 3090 Replacement (Los Angeles Storage Facilities & Track)												
Location	AB 3090 Replacement												
Description:	AB 3090 Replacement												
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)													
FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
IIP													
Existing	0						0		0				
Change	5,000						5,000		5,000				
Proposed	5,000						5,000		5,000				
Total													
Existing	0						0		0				
Change	5,000						5,000		5,000				
Proposed	5,000						5,000		5,000				

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Location Map



75 – Los Angeles

PPNO 2023

Location: Storage tracks adjacent to Metrolink's Orange County Line at Keller Street. Pacific Surfliner Corridor, from LA Union Station to near Control Point San Diego Junction.

Description: ~~Train Storage Yard~~ Complete site studies, design, and construct new commuter train facilities and track.

